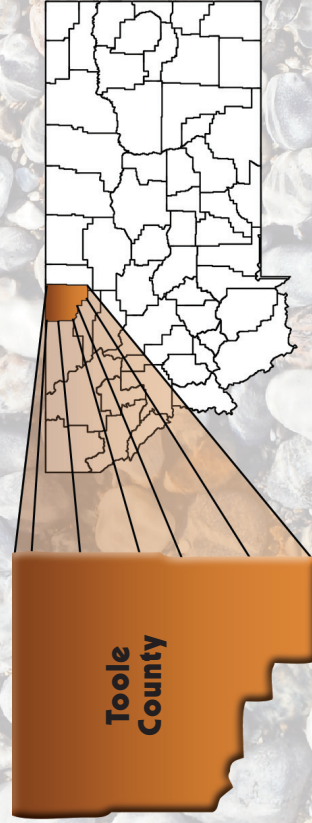


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Demographic & Economic Information for Toole County



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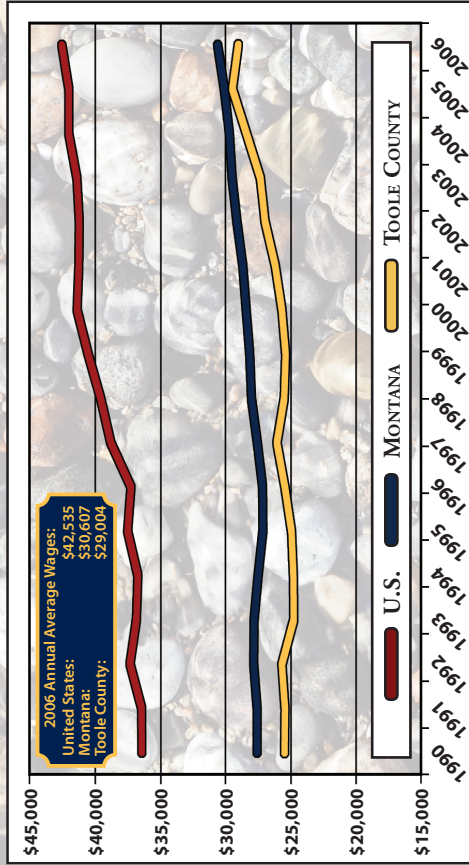
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Annual Average Labor Force - Toole County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2006	2,492	2,430	62	2.5%
2005	2,519	2,443	76	3.0%
2004	2,558	2,477	81	3.2%
2003	2,513	2,429	84	3.3%
2002	2,341	2,257	84	3.6%
2001	2,439	2,353	86	3.5%
2000	2,529	2,426	103	4.1%

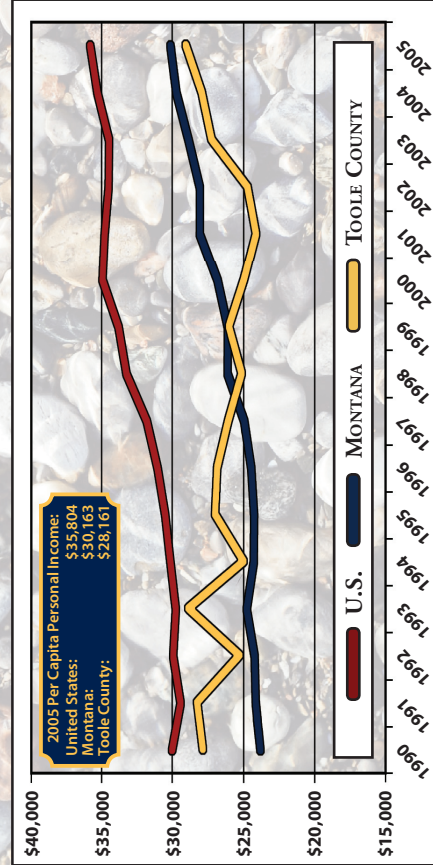
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2006 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Per Capita Personal Income, 1990 to 2005 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System

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TOOLE COUNTY

Toole County is Montana's thirty-fourth most populous county, with an estimated 5,073 residents as of July 1st, 2006. Shelby, the county seat, is the state's twenty-third largest city, with a population estimated at 3,419 in 2006.¹ Other cities and towns in Toole County include Ethridge, Galata, Kevin, Oilmont, Sunburst, and Sweetgrass.

In Shelby, travelers can visit the Marias Museum of History and Art to learn about the area's history and homesteading, and view its dinosaur collection. For wildlife enthusiasts, the nearby Sweet Grass Hills offer ample opportunities to view deer, antelope, elk, foxes, golden eagles, and grouse. North of Shelby, Lake Shelby offers camping and outdoor recreation.²

¹U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

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Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006 (continued)

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Support activities for transportation	10	105	\$29,623
Warehousing and storage	1	*	*
INFORMATION	8	55	\$26,151
Publishing industries, except Internet	3	*	*
Motion picture, sound recording industry	2	*	*
Broadcasting, except Internet	1	*	*
Telecommunications	2	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	10	62	\$29,825
Credit intermediation & related activity	5	42	\$32,312
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	1	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	5	*	*
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	3	3	\$25,100
Real estate	2	*	*
Rental and leasing services	1	*	*
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	18	41	\$28,792
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	4	*	*
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	14	58	\$30,694
Ambulatory health care services	10	47	\$32,701
Nursing and residential care facilities	1	*	*
Social assistance	3	*	*
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	5	35	\$16,680
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	25	168	\$11,688
Accommodation	3	36	\$8,661
Food services and drinking places	22	132	\$12,511
OTHER SERVICES	15	27	\$14,909
Repair and maintenance	4	*	*
Personal and laundry services	1	*	*
Membership associations & organizations	10	18	\$9,773
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	35	697	\$33,656
Local Government	14	491	\$24,353
State Government	9	49	\$30,337
Federal Government	12	157	\$63,854

The QCIEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	236	2,058	\$29,002
TOTAL PRIVATE	201	1,361	\$26,619
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	2	*	*
MINING	27	178	\$37,963
Oil and gas extraction	20	97	\$34,057
Support activities for mining	7	81	\$42,671
UTILITIES	4	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	9	30	\$24,500
Construction of buildings	4	*	*
Heavy and civil engineering construction	1	*	*
Specialty trade contractors	4	13	\$31,327
MANUFACTURING	2	*	*
Food manufacturing	1	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	1	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	13	96	\$32,134
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	1	*	*
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	12	*	*
RETAIL TRADE	26	215	\$18,282
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	4	19	\$22,429
Furniture and home furnishings stores	1	*	*
Building material & garden supply stores	4	22	\$20,075
Food and beverage stores	2	*	*
Health and personal care stores	1	*	*
Gasoline stations	3	43	\$14,554
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	2	*	*
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	2	*	*
General merchandise stores	1	*	*
Miscellaneous store retailers	4	26	\$12,622
Nonstore retailers	1	*	*
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	17	169	\$34,809
Truck transportation	5	58	\$42,411
Pipeline transportation	1	*	*

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

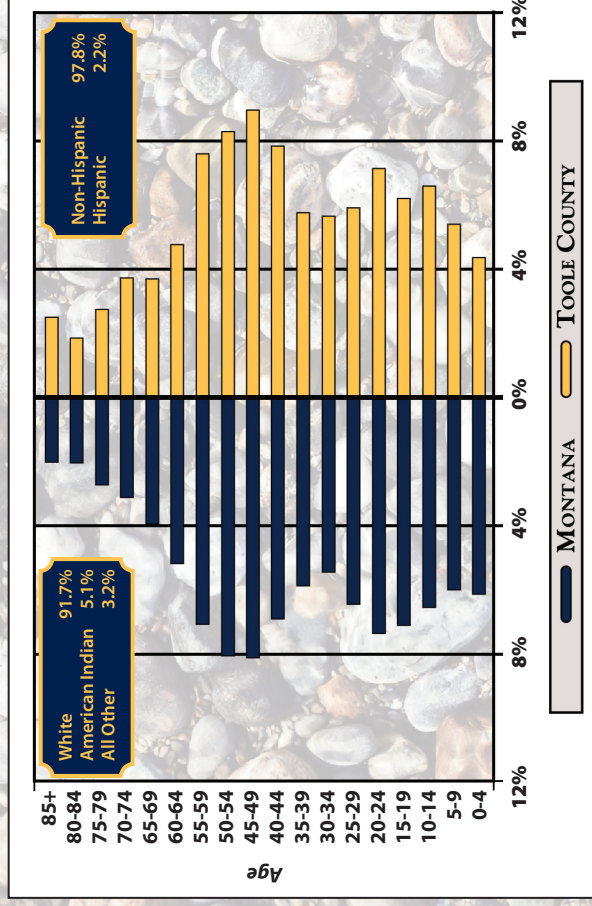
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Population for Toole County & Related Areas

Geography	% Change 2000-2006	Population Estimates								Census April 1, 2000
		July 1, 2006	July 1, 2005	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2003	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2001	July 1, 2000		
Toole County	-3.7%	5,073	5,174	5,143	5,215	5,321	5,303	5,261	5,267	
Kevin town	-19.1%	144	153	160	166	175	178	177	178	
Shelby city	6.3%	3,419	3,420	3,304	3,304	3,304	3,255	3,219	3,216	
Sunburst town	-19.0%	336	356	371	386	408	414	413	415	
Balance of Toole County	-19.5%	1,174	1,245	1,308	1,359	1,434	1,456	1,452	1,458	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Distribution of Population by Age Montana and Toole County, 2006



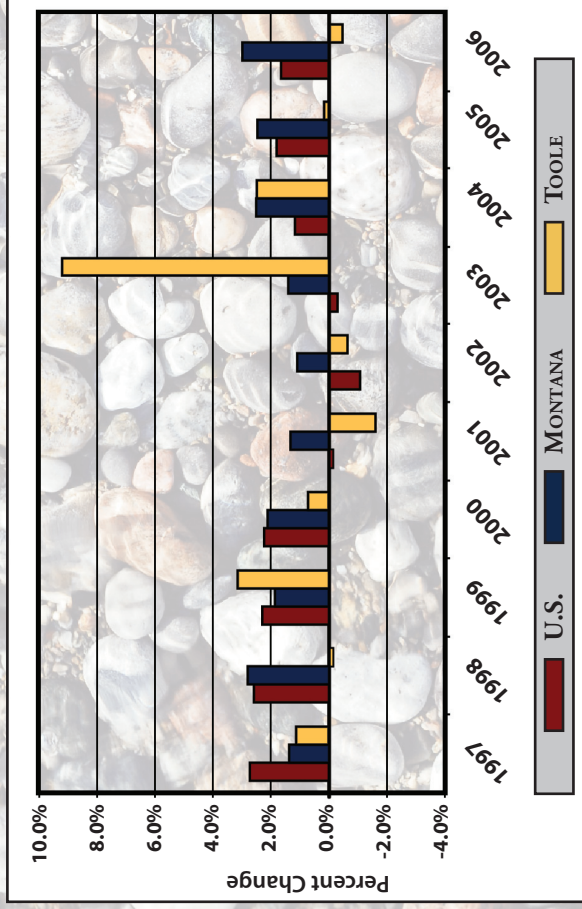
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 Population Estimates

Highest Level of Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and older)

Educational Attainment	Toole County	Montana	U.S.
Less than High School Diploma	19.0%	12.8%	19.6%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	35.1%	31.3%	28.6%
Some College	23.8%	25.6%	21.0%
Associate Degree	5.3%	5.9%	6.3%
Bachelor's Degree	13.3%	17.2%	15.5%
Master's Degree	2.2%	4.6%	5.9%
Professional Degree	0.9%	1.7%	2.0%
Doctoral Degree	0.3%	0.9%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Percent Change in Employment: 1997 to 2006 U.S., Montana, and Toole County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Top 10 Private Employers in Toole County (Based on 2nd Quarter 2007 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Albertsons	4	Marias Healthcare	4
CCA Correctional Facility	6	Marias Valley Golf & Country Club	4
Comfort Inn of Shelby	4	Pamida	4
Dick Irvin Inc.	4	Somont Oil Company	4
Fritz A UPS Company	4	Town Pump Travel Plaza	4

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW). This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

Agricultural Statistics - Toole County

Farms	
Farms: (number)	405
Land in farms (acres)	1,087,797
Average size of farms (acres)	2,686
Farms by size: (number)	
Less than 1,000 acres	152
1,000 acres or more	253
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	
Less than \$100,000	299
\$100,000 or more	106
Farms by type of organization: (number)	
Family, Individual, Partnership	303
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	102

Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested

Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	13,645
Hogs and pigs	15,048
Sheep and lambs	1,774
Horses and ponies	1,712
Bison	0
Chickens (layers and broilers)	27,176
Crops Harvested (acres)	
Corn for grain	0
Corn for silage or greenchop	0
Wheat for grain, All	247,135
Winter wheat for grain	2,083
Durum wheat for grain	7,158
Spring wheat for grain	237,894
Barley for grain	50,077
Oats for grain	387
Sunflower seed, All	0
Soybeans for beans	(D)
Hay, hayslage, grass silage	25,123

Operator Demographics

Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	284
Other	121
Place of residence: (number)	
On farm operated	264
Not on farm operated	141
Years on present farm: (number)	
Less than 10 years	91
10 years or more	314
Age group: (number)	
Under 55 years	208
55 years and over	197
Average age of operators: (number)	56.5

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002
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